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KADDERLY: Well, Ruth, I have a couple of items to post on the Bulletin Board. How about you?

VAN DEMAN: I have one. But you go ahead.

KADDERLY: All right. Item number one concerns a new loan program.... flood restoration loans.

VAN DEMAN: In other words, loans to farmers who suffered flood damage....

KADDERLY: To get their farms back into production. Congress has made available to the Secretary of Agriculture, for this purpose, a fund of 15 million dollars. Farm Security Administration will make the loans in 300 counties of 12 States -- both midwestern and Southern. Farmers who don't have other credit available can borrow money under this program for two main purposes: to restore the land itself, or to buy production materials such as feed, seed, fertilizer, and machinery.

The real estate restoration loans are long-term loans and bear interest at 3-1/2 percent. These loans can be used to make major repairs on farm buildings as well as to level off land and repair drainage systems or irrigation and flood control systems. The production restoration loans are short-term loans and will bear interest at 5 percent. Farmers who need loans to meet problems brought on by the floods and who don't have other credit available may apply for the loans at the county farm security office.

My other Bulletin Board item is a report on the flue-cured tobacco marketing quota referendum. (Producers voted last Saturday). Preliminary returns show that more than 113,000 farmers voted, and that 88 percent of them voted in favor of marketing quotas for the next three years...on flue-cured tobacco.

Now, Ruth, what's your item?

VAN DEMAN: A warning against "canning powders." Our canning bulletin says, "The use of chemical preservatives and canning powders should be avoided in home canning any food. The safe way for the home canner is to process foods adequately with heat and not to use chemical preservatives." That statement was checked with the Food and Drug Administration, and the head of that agency stated that use of some "canning powders" constitutes a definite hazard to health. That's all from me.

KADDERLY: Then, that's all for the Bulletin Board. Now the markets.

BOND: MARKET REPORT

ANNCR: CUE AND SWITCH

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